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NOVEMBER PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 2.6%, LOAD FACTOR DOWN 1.6 POINTS

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 17, 1990 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 2.6 percent in November compared with the same period last year, and was up 5.6 percent for the first eleven months of 1990, the Air Transport Association reported today. U.S. scheduled airline industry's load factor, percent of capacity utilized, averaged 58.9 percent in November, down 1.6 points from November 1989.

Domestic revenue passenger miles grew 0.4 percent in November, compared to the same month last year. Available seat miles increased 3.9 percent. Passengers decreased 1.1 percent to 31.7 million, while the load factor averaged 58.4 percent, down from 60.5 percent for November a year ago.

In international service, traffic in November climbed 10.6 percent, and available seat miles rose 10.3 percent. Passengers increased 1.0 percent to 2.8 million, and the load factor averaged 60.7 percent compared to 60.5 percent last year.

For the first eleven months of 1990, revenue passenger miles in domestic and international service were up 5.6 percent to 407.6 billion, and the number of passengers rose to 405.4 million, up

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from 395.8 million for the same period last year. Available seat miles increased 7.0 percent, and the load factor averaged 62.8 percent versus 63.7 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

NOVEMBER 1990 - 1989

	NOVEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	32,079	31,713	(1.1)	361,948	367,490	1.5
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	25,386,622	25,477,663	0.4	293,059,946	300,030,592	2.4
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	41,987,695	43,635,142	3.9	466,818,109	494,105,361	5.8
LOAD FACTOR (%)	60.5	58.4		62.8	60.7	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,804	2,832	1.0	33,828	37,871	12.0
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	7,276,440	8,046,506	10.6	92,951,375	107,551,846	15.7
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	12,017,244	13,250,913	10.3	139,332,508	154,721,551	11.0
LOAD FACTOR (%)	60.5	60.7		66.7	69.5	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	34,883	34,545	(1.0)	395,776	405,361	2.4
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	32,663,062	33,524,169	2.6	386,011,321	407,582,438	5.6
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	54,004,939	56,886,055	5.3	606,150,617	648,826,912	7.0
LOAD FACTOR (%)	60.5	58.9		63.7	62.8	

NOTE: HAWAIIAN NOVEMBER NUMBERS ARE ESTIMATED

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, SOUTHWEST TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

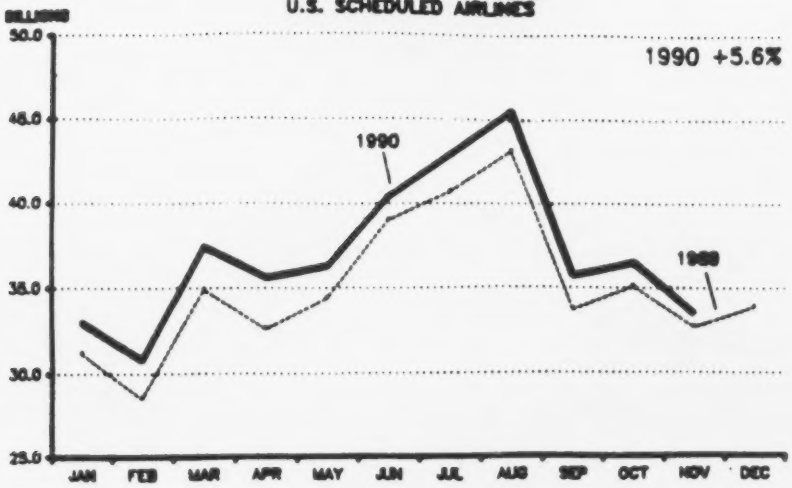
MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989				
January	31,233,373	55,626,606	56.1	32,241
February	28,460,057	50,060,766	56.9	30,574
March	34,949,316	53,714,303	65.1	37,184
April	32,591,371	52,385,110	62.2	34,415
May	34,393,235	54,843,173	62.7	35,826
June	38,980,588	55,697,273	70.0	39,025
July	40,730,432	58,343,920	69.8	39,552
August	43,154,838	59,370,285	72.7	41,980
September	33,744,760	55,564,024	60.7	33,594
October	35,110,289	56,540,218	62.1	36,502
November	32,663,062	54,004,939	60.5	34,883
December	33,944,475	56,649,615	59.9	34,822
TOTAL 1989	419,955,796	662,800,232	63.4	430,598
Jan - Nov 1989	386,011,321	606,150,617	63.7	395,776
1990				
January	33,004,049	57,501,152	57.4	33,019
February	30,761,358	52,024,042	59.1	32,155
March	37,416,889	58,727,893	63.7	38,800
April	35,613,709	57,509,004	61.9	36,713
May	36,287,185	59,569,992	60.9	36,606
June	40,372,882	59,944,196	67.4	39,153
July	42,945,381	63,123,188	68.0	40,395
August	45,471,866	63,757,425	71.3	42,977
September	35,642,258	59,182,555	60.2	34,259
October	36,542,692	60,601,410	60.3	36,739
November	33,524,169	56,886,055	58.9	34,545
TOTAL 1990	407,582,438	648,826,912	62.8	405,361

PERCENT CHANGE

	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990/1989			
November	2.6	5.3	-1.0
Jan - November	5.6	7.0	2.4

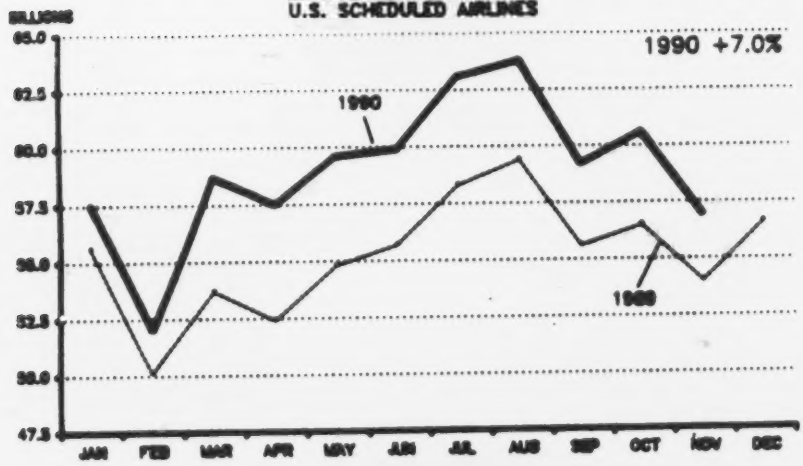
PASSENGER TRAFFIC

REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY

AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOAD FACTOR

PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES